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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: EINV, EAID, LI

SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT IN MONROVIA: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: A) USUN 5560; B) HORAN/SVENDSEN LETTER OF 12/1/77  
(NOTAL)

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED WITH AID THE LIBERIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTRY'S AIDE-MEMOIRE OF NOVEMBER 22 REQUESTING US  
ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
THE 1979 OAU CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN MONROVIA. UN-  
FORTUNATELY, THESE PROJECTS FALL OUTSIDE AID'S CONGRESSIONAL  
MANDATE WHICH, AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, DIRECTS US ASSISTANCE  
TOWARD HELPING THE RURAL POOR THROUGH PROGRAMS IN  
AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION. THIS MANDATE STRONGLY  
DISCOURAGES US PARTICIPATION IN ANY "PRESTIGE" OR IN-  
FRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS NOT DIRECTLY BENEFITTING THE COUNTRY'S  
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MOST DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS.

2. IN RESPONDING TO THE LIBERIAN REQUEST, EMBASSY MAY WISH  
TO DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING:

A) RESURFACING THE AIRPORT HIGHWAY. THIS INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECT FALLS CLEARLY OUTSIDE THE AID MANDATE, AND THERE IS

LITTLE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO ASSIST. (B) CONSTRUCTION

OF ADDITIONAL RAMP FACILITIES AT ROBERTS FIELD. THE PROJECT IS CLEARLY OUTSIDE THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE. WE HAVE CONTACTED PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS ABOUT ITS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION. PAN AM EXPRESSED INTEREST, BUT ONLY ON A FULLY REIMBURSABLE BASIS. (C) TWO HELICOPTERS FOR SECURITY BACK-UP. AID HAS NO SURPLUS HELICOPTERS IN STOCK. THE LIBERIANS MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER USING FMS FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE IN BUILDING UP THE AFL. IT MAY ALSO WISH CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF RENTING RATHER THAN PURCHASING. (D) POLICE AND SECURITY VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH RADIO COMMUNICATION. WITH DISSOLUTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY PROGRAMS THIS EQUIPMENT IS NO LONGER READILY AVAILABLE. LIBERIA MAY WISH TO CONSIDER EXPLOITING THE MONROVIA/DAYTON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SECOND-HAND VEHICLES. E) MEDICAL FACILITIES SUCH AS AMBULANCES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. AID HAS NO ACCESS TO MOBILE HEALTH UNITS, BUT IS WILLING TO ASSIST THE GOL IN POUCHING SUCH EQUIPMENT FROM SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES; THE GOL WOULD NEED TO SUPPLY THE ENTIRE FINANCING, HOWEVER. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR UPON HIS RETURN THE POSSIBILITY OF DRAWING UPON SELF-HELP FUNDS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SUPPLIES (AS WELL AS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT MENTIONED IN PART D ABOVE). VANCE

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